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SUMMARY. IN APRIL 15 ARTICLE, YOMIURI WASHINGTON
CORRESPONDENT SPECULATES THAT 25 PERCENT OF US DIPLOMATIC OVERSEAS
MAY BE CIA AGENTS. SPECULATION IS BASED ON FOUR
PURPORTED STATE-CIA AGREEMENTS OF LATE 1940'S AND
COMMENT OF A "FORMER CIA OFFICIAL." END SUMMARY.

1. IN AN APRIL 15 YOMIURI ARTICLE, YOMIURI WASHINGTON
CORRESPONDENT TAKAHAMA STATES THAT HE OBTAINED FOUR
FORMERLY TOP SECRET 1947-48 WRITTEN AGREEMENTS BETWEEN
THE STATE DEPT AND CIA JUST BEFORE THEY WERE "RECOVERED"
BY CIA FOR REASONS OF NATIONAL SECURITY. THE
DOCUMENTS WERE "RECENTLY DISCOVERED" IN THE US NATIONAL
ARCHIVES IN WASHINGTON.

2. THE DOCUMENTS ARE REPORTEDLY A DRAFT PLAN ON "QUESTION
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OF CIA AGENTS USING DIPLOMATIC STATUS" (DATED JANUARY 2,

1947); "MEMO CONCERNING NUMBERS OF CIA AGENTS" (NOVEMBER 4, 1947); DRAFT OF A "WRITTEN AGREEMENT FOR CIA-STATE COOPERATION" (NOVEMBER 19, 1947); AND "AGREEMENT ON THE NUMBERS OF CIA AGENTS TO BE DISPATCHED OVERSEAS" (JULY 1, 1948). ACCORDING TO THE NOVEMBER 19 DRAFT, OVERSEAS CIA AGENTS ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS: "LOOSE COVER" AGENTS WITH FULL DIPLOMATIC STATUS WHO COLLECT INTELLIGENCE AND "DEEP COVER" AGENTS ASSIGNED AS DIPLOMATS BUT WHO ENGAGE IN "RISKY" ACTIVITIES. AT THE TIME (1947-48), CIA REPORTEDLY DEMANDED 534 "LOOSE COVER" AGENTS BUT STATE COUNTERED THAT ALL OVERSEAS AGENTS MUST BE LIMITED TO 300, TEN OF WHOM COULD BE "DEEP COVER." YOMIURI QUOTES A "FORMER CIA OFFICIAL" AS SAYING CIA DEMANDS HAVE STEADILY ESCALATED AND THE NUMBER TODAY IS 1200 WITH DIPLOMATIC COVER. THUS, THE YOMIURI CORRESPONDENT CONCLUDED, TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF STATE DEPT DIPLOMATS WORLDWIDE ARE NOW CIA AGENTS.

3. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH NOT COMPLETELY CLEAR FROM THE ARTICLE, THE DOCUMENTS IN QUESTION, IF THEY EXIST AT ALL, MAY HAVE BEEN DECLASSIFIED AND THEN RECLASSIFIED.

4. AS EXPECTED, STORIES BASED ON JCP ALLEGATIONS OF CIA PRESENCE HERE (REFTEL) DISAPPEARED FROM THE MEDIA APRIL 16. BRIEF REFUSALS TO COMMENT BY USG OFFICIALS AND CIA HEADQUARTERS WERE, HOWEVER, REPORTED IN ONE APRIL 15 AFTERNOON NEWSPAPER.
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